be counted towards experience. Age should not be more than 33 years for Doctoral Studies. Relaxation in age upto 2 years will be given in the case of Scheduled Caste/ Scheduled Tribes candidates. Upper age limit and experience can be relaxed by not more than three months at the discretion of the selection committee in the case of brilliant candidates.

For Post-Doctoral Studies :—

Uniformly good academic record with 60 per cent or above marks at Master's Degree level with Ph.D. Degree in Science/Engineering/Technology, as the case may be or equivalent qualification in the subject selected or in an allied subject field. Preference will be given to persons possessing knowledge of Russian Language. Age should not be more than 35 years. Relaxation in age upto 2 years will be given in the case of Scheduled Caste/ Scheduled Tribe candidates. Upper age limit can be relaxed by not more than three months at the discretion of the Selection Committee in the case of brilliant candidates.

Candidates who have already been abroad for study/specialisation/training either on a scholarship or on their own are eligible to apply only if they have been in India for atleast three consecutive years after their return from abroad. The Final Selection is made on all India basis by a duly constituted Selection Committee.

2. The Indo-USSR Cultural Exchange Programme 1987-1988 have provisions envisaging visit of teachers/scholars to the USSR for study-cum-lecture-cum experiment of contacts programme. Each year, the University Grants Commission invites from various universities nomination of teachers/scholars and also inserts advertisements in national dailies for the slots. Selection of the candidates are made by Committee of experts appointed by the Commission for this purpose.

Purchase of Horses from Australia

529. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether any inquiry has been carried out into the purchase deal of inferior quality of 10 horses from Australia after two of them died here on their arrival, another two were found lame and the rest gave a very poor performance in the Seoul Asian games;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Sports Department had submitted for investigation about 50 notes of complaints about this deal;

(c) if so, what are the findings thereof and action taken against the guilty persons; and

(d) whether the said inquiry was withdrawn half way and if so, the reasons thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) to (d). A departmental enenquiry has been ordered by the Ministry of Defence into the purchase of horses from Australia. The Committee has not yet submitted its report

Financial Assistance to Sanskrit Scholars

530. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether under the development of Sanskrit Education Scheme, Sanskrit scholars above 55 years of age and earning less than Rs. 250 per month are eligible for financial assistance to the extent that the total monthly income becomes Rs. 250;

(b) when this decision was taken;

(c) whether any increments by way of DA etc. have been sanctioned to pensioners since then; and if so, by how much; and

(d) whether the present contributory amount per month for the sanskrit scholars is also proposed to be revised and if not, why ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE, IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) Under the scheme of 'Development of Sanskrit Education', eminent elderly scholars of Sanskrit, whose age is above 55 years and annual income is less than the grant admissible, are given Rs. 3000/- per annum. Previously, it was Rs. 1800/- per annum, which was increased from the year 1980-81.

(c) Since this is an ordinary financial assistance, the question of giving DA etc. does not arise.

(d) The question of enhancement of present amount is under consideration of the Ministry.

Mehrotra Committee's recommendations for Librarians and Physical Instructors

531. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:

SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the Mehrotra Committee's recommendations for Librarians and Physical Instructors of various Universities and colleges in the country regarding their pay-scales and other facilities;

(b) the details of the decisions if any, taken thereon; and

(c) what is the reaction of teachers' organisations thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) The Mehrotra Committee, in Part B of its report, had recommended the same pattern of pay scales and career advancement for Librarians and DPEs as they had recommended for teachers in Universities and colleges. The Committee had also recommended that the details concerning recruitment, qualifications, career advancement, etc. should be worked out by an Expert Committee. Accordingly, the UGC had appointed an Expert Committee which has since recommended the details of qualifications, etc.

(b) The recommendations are under examination and the decision is likely to be taken shortly.

(c) The organisations of Librarians and DPEs have been demanding an early revision of their pay scales and also the maintenance of parity in pay scales and other facilities between them and the teachers.

Oil pollution at Bombay Port Trust

532. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to reports of oil pollution that took place in Bombay Port in October;

(b) whether the proposal of the Bombay Port Trust to purchase suitable oil pollution control vessel has been pending with the Government since 1985 and global tenders invited could be decided upon; and

(c) if so, the reasons for the delay and action proposed to acquire such vessel early?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) The Bombay Port Trust has intimated that there were reports from various quarters from 27-9-87 to 30-9-87 that oil was found floating in Bombay Harbour.

(b) The proposal from Bombay Port Trust to purchase an oil-cum-solid waste recovery craft was received in October 1986.

(c) The technical specifications of the vessel needed to be scrutinized and certain modifications were found necessary. One of the tenderers also increased the price quoted earlier necessitating a fresh evaluation of the price offers.